

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Christopher M. Gallant et al.      Art Unit :  
Serial No. :    Examiner :  
Filed : February 24, 2004  
Title : SHEAR FASTENERS

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant submits the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

This statement is being filed with the application. Accordingly, only copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 24, 2004

  
Robert C. Nabinger  
Reg. No. 33,431

Fish & Richardson P.C.  
225 Franklin Street  
Boston, MA 02110-2804  
Telephone: (617) 542-5070  
Facsimile: (617) 542-8906

20811257.doc

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

Express Mail Label No. EL 983 021 941 US

February 24, 2004  
Date of Deposit

Substitute Form PTO-1449 (Modified)	U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office	Attorney's Docket No. 05918-324001	Application No.
<b>Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)		Applicant Christopher M. Gallant et al.	
		Filing Date February 24, 2004	Group Art Unit
(37 CFR §1.98(b))			

U.S. Patent Documents							
Examiner Initial	Desig. ID	Document Number	Publication Date	Patentee	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	AA	6,668,429	12/30/03	Fujisawa et al.			
	AB	US 2002/0078536 A1	06/27/02	Martin et al.			
	AC	6,432,339	08/13/02	Jens et al.			
	AD	6,129,970	10/10/00	Kenney et al.			
	AE	5,953,797	09/21/99	Provost et al.			
	AF	5,964,017	10/12/99	Roberts			
	AG	5,945,193	08/31/99	Pollard et al.			
	AH	5,953,797	09/21/99	Provost et al.			
	AI	5,945,193	08/31/99	Pollard et al.			
	AJ	5,882,073	03/16/99	Burchi et al.			
	AK	5,827,547	10/27/98	Burchi et al.			
	AL	5,826,312	10/27/98	Schroder et al.			
	AM	5,766,723	06/16/98	Oborny et al.			
	AN	5,704,480	01/06/98	Scholz et al.			
	AO	5,653,004	08/05/97	Russo			
	AP	5,657,516	08/19/97	Berg et al.			
	AQ	5,653,004	08/05/97	Russo			
	AR	5,605,373	02/25/97	Wildern, IV et al.			
	AS	5,499,859	03/19/96	Angell			
	AT	5,368,549	11/29/94	McVicker			
	AU	5,216,784	06/08/93	Dyer			
	AV	5,208,952	05/11/93	Mintel et al.			
	AW	5,101,539	04/07/92	Kennedy et al.			
	AX	5,005,242	04/09/91	Kennedy et al.			
	AY	4,887,339	12/19/89	Bellanger			
	AZ	4,887,338	12/19/89	Handler			
	AAA	4,863,127	09/05/89	Handler			

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
EXAMINER: Initials citation considered. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	

Substitute Form PTO-1449 (Modified)	U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office	Attorney's Docket No. 05918-324001	Application No.
<b>Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)  (37 CFR §1.98(b))		Applicant Christopher M. Gallant et al.	
		Filing Date February 24, 2004	Group Art Unit

U.S. Patent Documents							
Examiner Initial	Desig. ID	Document Number	Publication Date	Patentee	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	BA	4,879,854	11/14/89	Handler			
	BB	4,775,310	10/04/88	Fischer			
	BC	4,680,838	07/21/87	Astl			
	BD	4,557,024	12/10/85	Roberts et al.			
	BE	4,271,566	06/09/81	Perina			
	BF	4,198,734	04/22/80	Brumlik			
	BG	4,183,121	06/15/80	Cousins			
	BH	2,461,201	02/08/49	Ellis			

Foreign Patent Documents or Published Foreign Patent Applications								
Examiner Initial	Desig. ID	Document Number	Publication Date	Country or Patent Office	Class	Subclass	Translation	
							Yes	No
	BI	WO 01/37710	05/31/01	PCT				
	BJ	WO 01/12022	02/22/01	PCT				
	BK	WO 00/18556	04/06/00	PCT				
	BL	WO 00/07792	02/17/00	PCT				

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
EXAMINER: Initials citation considered. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	